PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The National Association for Retarded Children was founded in 1950 to promote the general welfare of the mentally retarded of all ages everywhere; and

WHEREAS, five and one-half million children and adults in the United States are mentally retarded; and

WHEREAS, retarded children can be educated and trained in special facilities geared to their needs and given an opportunity to lead happy, useful lives; and

WHEREAS, a vital need exists for intensive research to uncover the causes and preventive measures in Mental Retardation; and

WHEREAS, during the period from November 15 to November 20, 1964, funds will be sought for these programs and facilities by the South Dakota Units of the National Association for Retarded Children and the South Dakota Association for Retarded Children; and

WHEREAS, the success of this appeal will substantially benefit the health and strength of the nation by making possible better educational and rehabilitation service and expanded and accelerated research toward the prevention of Mental Retardation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARCHIE GUBBRUD, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the period from November 18th to November 26th, 1964, as

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in this state, and urge that its citizens give full support to this effort in behalf of the mentally retarded and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of The State of South Lakota to be affixed on this 13th day of November in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-four.

ARCHIE GUBBRUD, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ESSIE WIEDENMAN SECRETARY OF STATE